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SUBJECT: SOUTHEAST TURKEY PRESS SUMMARY JUNE 16, 2004

This is the Southeastern Turkey press summary for June 16, 2004.
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Milli Gazete, Cumhuriyet, Zaman / According to information given by the Turkish General Staff, an alleged terrorist was killed during the operations in Tunceli. In Sirnak, a Turkish soldier died and two Turkish soldiers were wounded.

Ozgur Gundem / Diyarbakir Mayor Osman Baydemir stated during his visit to Ozgur Gundem that AKP has been postponing the Kurdish problem for a year and a half. Baydemir also stated that operations should end in order to provide a complete ceasefire.

Ozgur Gundem / In Pertek, Tunceli province, it is reported that there was a clash between Turkish army forces and People's Party Forces (HPG). No information is given about the number of the casualties.

Zaman, Ozgur Gundem / According to information given by the Iranian Aftab newspaper, PKK/KONGRA-GEL and Iranian Army Forces had a clash in Nazarbeg village, Hoy, Iran.

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